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In re Application of  
Hynes et al. :  
Application No. 09/863,948 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: May 23, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 16072-149 :

This is a decision on the petition filed June 23, 2003 (and resubmitted on November 24, 2003), pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

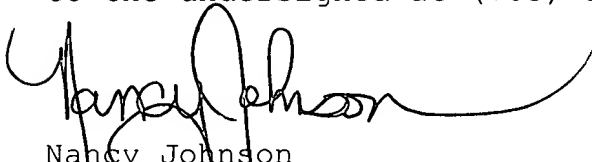
The petition under § 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed October 31, 2001. This Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months, with extensions of time under § 1.136(a) permitted. No extension having been obtained and no reply filed, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 1, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 6, 2002.

The petition includes the required reply in the form of an amendment, payment of the petition fee, and the required statement of unintentional delay.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2833 for consideration of the amendment filed June 23, 2003 (and resubmitted November 24, 2003).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0309.

  
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